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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art searched
and found, including those cited, have not taught the combination of limitations found in the
independent claims. While the prior art has taught bypassing results, none have specifically
taught the combination of limitations recited in the claims.

- 2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
- Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
 examiner should be directed to AIMEE J. LI whose telephone number is (571)272-4169. The
 examiner can normally be reached on M-T 7:00am-4:30pm.
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